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ABOUT THE MUNICIPAL RECYCLING SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Ministry of the Environment, continuing its drive to improve waste management in Ontario, has introduced the Municipal Recycling Support Program, a revision to the existing Source Separation Program. This revised program is designed to support municipalities in their attempts to recover as much material as possible from the waste stream through recycling. Municipalities are under pressure to devise environmentally sound methods of dealing with ever increasing quantities of waste. All efforts to reduce the amount of waste to be landfilled must be pursued.

There are several essential elements in successful recycling. Industry has to be committed to buying recyclable materials; the public must participate by sorting domestic waste, such as bottles, cans and paper; and municipalities have to take a central role by providing funding and services that will complete the cycle. The Ministry's earlier efforts to encourage recycling have demonstrated that this is an effective waste management approach available to municipalities. Some communities are now recycling 10% of their domestic waste.

The recycling of materials such as glass, plastic, metal and paper can make a major difference both to the immediate problem and to the future. Not only will it reduce the need for landfills, but it will also conserve resources and create jobs. The Municipal Recycling Support Program contains a number of components giving municipalities considerable incentive to become involved in recycling systems. The Ministry of the Environment is making available a range of grants and other assistance to cover every aspect of this type of waste management.

OPERATING COST GRANT

The Ministry will provide "seed money" for up to five years per project. This will reduce the costs and the risks faced by municipalities and other recyclers in establishing cost-effective systems. The grants are intended to assist individual recycling projects to maximize their efficiency during the start-up period and move quickly toward a break-even position.

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CAPITAL COST GRANT

Although recycling is more labour than capital intensive, one of the barriers to higher levels of reclamation is the lack of adequate facilities and equipment. The Ministry will share municipal and industrial costs for developing effective projects or expanding existing ones.

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING BINS

Systems using curbside collection and household bins have shown increased participation and achieved a higher waste recovery rate than other methods. The Ministry will share the costs for household bins.

PROMOTION/ADVERTISING GRANT

Public awareness is one of the most critical aspects of effective waste management. Recycling is dependent upon widespread public participation and this can be encouraged by keeping participants well informed about the recycling project. The Ministry will help by providing grants covering up to 50% of the design, production and dissemination costs of promotion and advertising.

EDUCATION GRANTS

Although day-to-day communications are important in maintaining a recycling program, much greater benefit can be obtained by wider knowledge about recycling and other strategies for waste management. The Ministry will provide grants of up to \$15,000 for innovative projects aimed at increasing the awareness of the 4R's - reduction, re-use, recycling and recovery.

DEMONSTRATION GRANTS

Recycling can always be improved. More efficient waste collection and handling methods need to be examined and new marketing approaches developed. A better understanding of behavioural and social issues could raise public participation levels. Grants are available for demonstration projects, studies and other pilot-scale activities directed at advancing the state of the art.

FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANTS

Applicants for Operating and Capital Cost Grants are encouraged to conduct feasibility studies themselves; but in situations where outside consulting is necessary, the Ministry will provide grants for up to 50% of the study costs. The Municipal Recycling Support Program provides the opportunity for the combined efforts of environmental groups, municipalities, industry and the public to make use of waste materials, conserve resources and reduce reliance on landfill disposal.

Municipalities or others interested in the grant program should contact the closest Environment Ontario office or:

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